IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as detailed below.

On Page 9, lines 22-26, please replace the paragraph with the following:

Having visual "on" and "off" states **212** and **214** within active state (S0) **202** is a non-essential aspect of the disclosed embodiments of the present invention. The feature is the subject matter of co-pending U.S. Patent Application, number ~~<to be inserted>~~ 10/644,978, entitled ~~<insert title>~~ "Method, Apparatus and System for Operating Data Processing Devices, and filed ~~on mm/dd/yy~~ contemporaneously. For further details, see the co-pending application.

On Page 10, lines 13-18, please replace the paragraph with the following:

Automatic saving of a persistent copy of the then system state is also not an essential aspect of the disclosed embodiments of the present invention. The feature is the subject matter of co-pending U.S. Patent Application, number ~~<to be inserted>~~ 10/644,432, entitled "Operational State Preservation in the Absence of AC Power", and filed contemporaneously. For further details, see the co-pending application.

On Page 11, lines 4-9, please replace the paragraph with the following:

Suppressing or ignoring power button and device wake events when AC is absent, is also not an essential aspect of the disclosed embodiments of the present invention. The feature is the subject matter of co-pending U.S. Patent Application, number ~~<to be inserted>~~ 10/644,628, entitled "Power button and Device wake events Processing Methods in the Absence of AC Power", and filed contemporaneously.

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On Page 14, lines 20-24, please replace the paragraph with the following:

In various embodiments, BIOS **124** may be further equipped with the ability to save a persistent copy of the then system state in a persistent storage device, such as a hard disk drive. However, this is not an essential aspect of the disclosed embodiments of the present invention. It is the subject matter of the above-identified co-pending U.S. Patent Application, number ~~<to be inserted>~~ <u>10/644,432</u>.